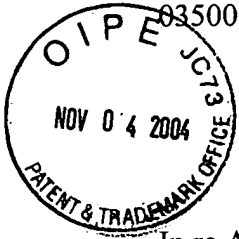


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Hoye
TETSU FUKUDA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2614
Application No.: 09/579,532)
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Filed: May 26, 2000)
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For: DATA COMMUNICATION)
SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND)
CONTROL METHOD)
THEREFOR : November 3, 2004

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004 for three months from August 5, 2004 to November 5, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$980.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

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